

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:583
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SETU SAMUNDRAM PROJECT
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to save the Ram Setu from destruction by the implementation of Setu Samundram Project; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) As per the scientific evidence available so far, Ram Setu does not fulfill the criteria to be declared as a monument of national importance under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(b) Does not arise.